IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 4.

Please amend claims 5 and 9 as follows:

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CANCELED)

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CANCELED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearview mirror assembly ~~in~~ for an automotive vehicle comprising:

a rearview mirror adapted to be disposed in an interior of the automotive vehicle;

a layer of liquid crystal having a first perimeter and defined to be within the physical boundaries of said rearview mirror;

a plurality of first electrodes attached to a surface of said rearview mirror; and

said first electrodes closely coupled defining a contact area, said contact area being a region, when touched by an occupant changes electrical characteristics between said first electrodes.

6. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 5 including a first polarizing layer, having a second perimeter, disposed to overlap said layer of liquid crystal so that any polarized light passing through said layer of liquid crystal is due to said first polarizing layer.

7. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 6 including a second polarizing layer, having a third perimeter, disposed to overlap said layer of liquid crystal and spaced from said first polarizing layer, said liquid crystal being sandwiched between the first and second polarizing layers.

8. (ORIGINAL) A rearview mirror assembly as set forth in claim 5 including a transparent second electrode disposed directly adjacent to said layer of liquid crystal.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A rearview mirror assembly comprising:

a rearview mirror ~~being~~ adapted to be disposed in an interior of the automotive vehicle and having at least one glass surface;

a layer of liquid crystal having a first perimeter and associated with said at least one glass surface to display information from said at least one glass surface within a field of vision of an operator of a vehicle;

a transparent first electrode disposed so that it is directly adjacent the layer of said liquid crystal;

a plurality of second electrodes attached to a surface of said at least one glass surface; and

said second electrodes closely coupled defining a contact area, said contact area being a region, when touched by an occupant changes electrical characteristics between said second electrodes.